

REPUBLIC OF MALI

Office of the President
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THE PRESIDENT

29 October 1962

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to present my compliments to you and to bring to your knowledge the deep feelings of our people and our Government following the crisis caused by the naval blockade instituted against Cuba.

The Government of the Republic of Mali warmly welcomed the actions you took with a view to bringing about a settlement of the conflict on the basis of an even partial agreement, and it fully supports you in your efforts which it hopes will reach a speedy and successful conclusion.

It is for this reason that I, for my part, on behalf of the Government of my country, have put before the President of the United States of America, the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Cuba and the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, certain specific proposals designed to remove the real causes of the conflict, to ward off their dangerous consequences and to restore peace, so as to re-establish in their rights international moral principles and the United Nations Organization.

These proposals are as follows:

1. Eviction from the territory of the United States of America of the Cuban refugees who are preparing, with the "co-operation" of certain American persons, the invasion of Cuba.
2. Raising of the naval blockade in the Caribbean Sea.
3. The stopping of the delivery of offensive nuclear weapons to the Republic of Cuba.

Lastly, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Cuba ought, in my view, to refer the matter for arbitration to the United Nations.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my very high consideration.

(Signed)

Modibo Keita

President,
Government of the Republic of
Mali

His Excellency
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